

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Applicant notes herein a change to a drawing as originally submitted in the application for patent. More specifically, Figure 1 has been amended to conform to the Examiner's requirement to include a numeric reference in association with a vertical support member.

No new matter has been introduced since the same or similar figure appears in the original disclosure for patent.

The vertical support member in Figure 1, as presently amended, is now shown with a numeric reference (20).

A copy of the drawing as originally filed with the application for patent is marked up to show proposed changes made thereto, which is identified as "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" per provision of 37 CFR §1.121(d) [proposed changes appear in red ink]. In addition, Applicant is re-submitting herewith a substitute drawing which incorporates the proposed changes per provisions of 37 CFR §1.84, specifically being identified as "Replacement Sheet."

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the care and time taken in considering the above-referenced patent application and claims. No new matter is introduced by the specification amendments since the present invention comprising a pair of elongate arms pivotally connected to a vertical support member is provided and described in the original application for patent.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-22 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in light of claims 1-20 set forth in U.S. Patent No. 6,763,965.

In response, Applicant has prepared and submits in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 a terminal disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection over a prior patent, which is appropriately being filed as a result of Applicant's common ownership of the pending application for patent at issue herein and U.S. Patent No. 6,763,965. Reconsideration of the application for patent is respectfully requested, notably in light of the enclosed terminal disclaimer.

The Examiner has objected to a portion of the specification, specifically the section of the application for patent entitled "Abstract of the Disclosure" as comprising more than 150 words in contravention of the guidelines set forth in MPEP 608.01(b).

In response, Applicant has appropriately corrected the Abstract of the Disclosure to include language summarily describing the features of invention in the application for patent at a word count of less than 150. Reconsideration of the Abstract of the Disclosure, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to a drawing as originally submitted with the application for patent for failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5), particularly of which relates to an omitted reference sign in association with a vertical support member as specifically mentioned in the specification.

In response, Applicant has amended Figure 1 to include numeric reference "20" as

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being associated with a vertical support member, of which is specifically described under the heading entitled "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment."

Reconsideration of Figure 1, as amended, is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure and a drawing to conform to the requirements cited in the pending Office Action. Applicant further submits hereunder a terminal disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent that is granted on the instant application for patent. Favorable reconsideration of this application for patent, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant makes note and reminds the Examiner that if the foregoing response is inadequate in any respect insofar that it unduly limits the Examiner's ability to further consider the application for patent on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner, prior to further examination of the pending application, to telephone Applicant's attorney of record to allow ample time to make further changes if deemed necessary.

Dated this 8th day of March 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Enclosures:
- 1) Annotated Drawing Sheet (1 page)
 - 2) Replacement Drawing Sheet (1 page)
 - 3) Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection
Over a Prior Patent (Form PTO/SB/26)
 - 4) Check in the amount of \$65.00 (Payment of Fee per 37 CFR 1.20(d))
 - 5) Return Receipt Postcard

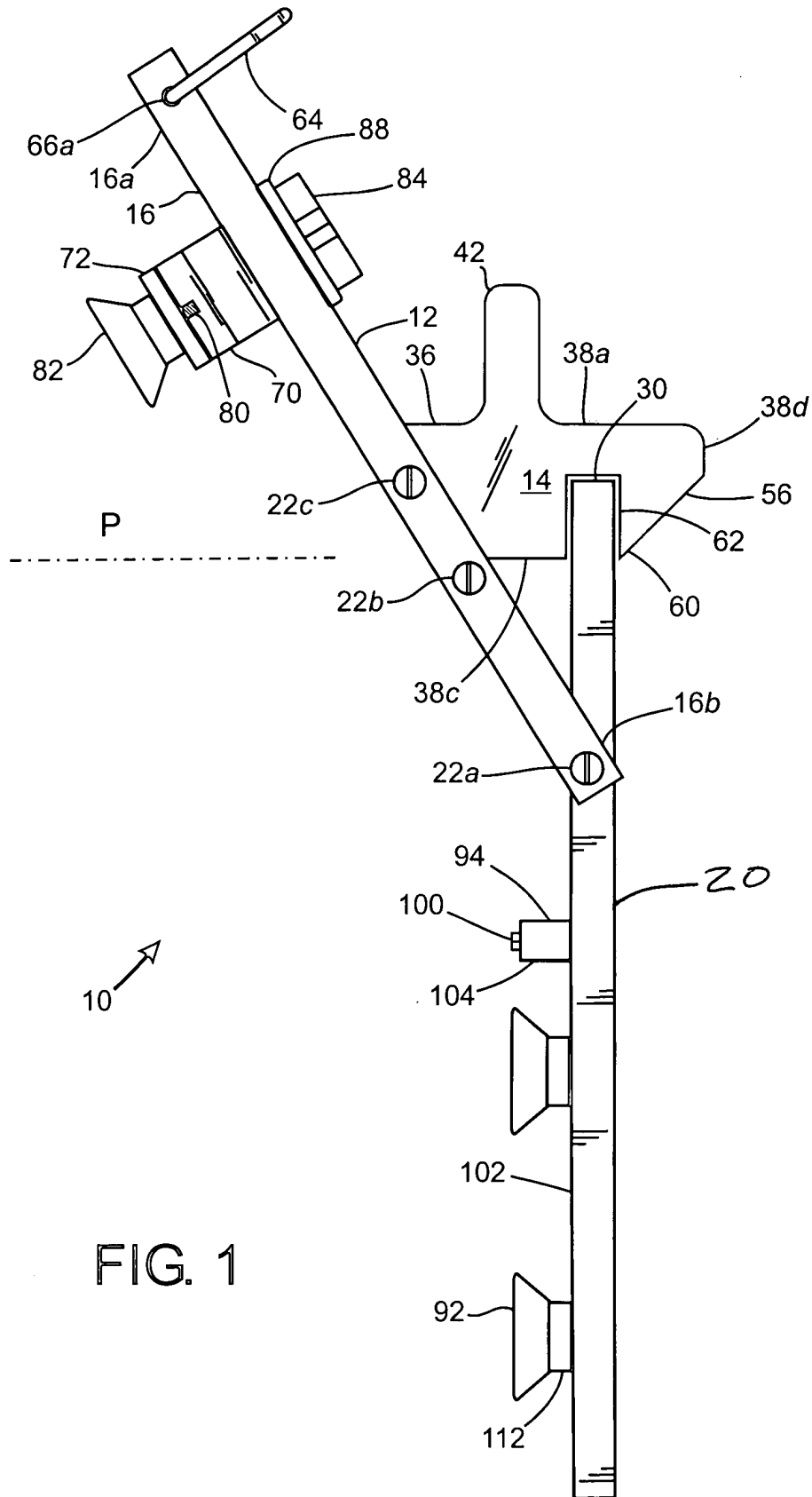


FIG. 1